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## (54) DATA FORMAT CONVERSION PROCESSING METHOD

## (57) Abstract:

**PURPOSE:** To enable the addition or change of format conversion rules by editing input data by retrieving the format conversion rules matched with a providing destination identification code when the data, to which this code is added, are inputted.

**CONSTITUTION:** A conversion information file 5 describing the format conversion rules peculiar for each of plural providing destinations is stored in an external storage device 6 by providing destination identification codes. A CPU 3 extracts input data 1 from an external storage device 2 according to a common program 4 and stores result processing data 7 in an external storage device 8 while referring to the conversion information file 5 stored in the external storage device 7. In this case, when data 1 to which the providing destination identification code for identifying the plural providing destinations are inputted, the format conversion rules matched with this code are retrieved out of the conversion information file 5 and the input data 1 are edited based on the retrieved format conversion rules. Therefore, when adding or changing the format conversion rules, it is

enough only to change the contents of the conversion information file.

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